

District 1 News

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Atlanta City Councilmember
Carla Smith
District 1



Atlanta City Councilmember Carla Smith (Right) teamed with City Council President Cathy Woolard (Left) for a clean-up recently at Grant Park. Smith encourages residents to do their part in keeping our parks litter-free.

Dear District 1 Residents:

First I'd like everyone to know that I am thrilled and excited to be representing District 1. We've got the best District and the best people in the City of Atlanta. I enthusiastically jumped into the roll of Councilmember on January 7, 2002. My first news was from our Mayor, that the city was in a financial crisis. My colleagues and I were faced with making some very tough decisions for our great City. It has been a very difficult time for the City; we have had to make some very tough decisions. It is difficult to be popular when people are losing jobs in both the public and private sector, while also raising taxes. But the city is in financial trouble and I will continue to work hard to maximize the quality and delivery of city services.

As your representative on the City Council, I am committed to encouraging new development and restoring properties in our community. Our District is experiencing tremendous growth as suburbanites rediscover the joys of living in the City, close to their jobs and places of worship. As a result property values in many areas of District 1 have increased significantly. However, we must also find ways of maintaining affordable housing for the working class and seniors citizens of our District. The Villages of Carver is an example of what can be done.

The District 1 News will serve as a method to spotlight some of the accomplishments and highlight the initiatives happening in District 1. I hope this will assist in keeping you informed of some of the strides we've made in our part of the City. There is nowhere else in this City that more improvements are taking place.

I invite you to share with me your ideas and suggestions on making District 1 the model area of our City. You can call me, my Chief of Staff Sheryl Bennett or my Executive Assistant Deborah Minor at 404-330-6039. You can also email us at csmith@ci.atlanta.ga.us or call me at home 404-627-8313.

*Sincerely,
Carla*

Career Day in District 1



(Top Left Photo) Atlanta City Councilmember Carla Smith participated in Career Day at Benteen Elementary School. (Top Right Photo) Smith joined Atlanta Police Sgt. Lamar Hester at Parkside Elementary School for its Career Day. Pictured with Smith and Hester is Parkside Elementary School Principal Danielle Battle.

Relief for residents living along the Stockade Trunk Sewer Line

After nearly two years of studies, meetings and recommendations, relief is on the way for residents who live along the Stockade Trunk Sewer line between Confederate Avenue and Delmar Avenue.

The Stockade Trunk is a combined sewer line that conveys stormwater and sanitary sewerage to the Intrenchment Creek Wastewater Reclamation Center via the Stockade (Confederate) combined Sewer Regulator. The sewer line borders Ormewood Avenue, Walker Avenue, Confederate Avenue and Confederate Court in Southeast Atlanta. This line was originally constructed in 1925 using brick arch construction in an old drainage swale.

To avoid blasting through rock underground, it extends four to six feet above the ground.

The trunk, which is about 10-feet in diameter, contains five inlets, which were designed to allow the inflow of stormwater. However, heavy rain causes the trunk to overflow, which prevents stormwater from



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entering the openings. The inlets are located about mid-depth in the pipe.

"The main objective is to close the five openings in the pipe and prevent the combined sewer from overflowing during large storms," said David Peters, Acting Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Public

Works. "Our best option is to close all five openings and install a combination of grass swales and drainage pipes to convey the storm water that previously entered the openings to a point in the drainage system below the sewer outfall.

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City Councilmember Carla Smith praises the revitalization of old Carver Homes site and of Pryor Road

President George W. Bush stops by to see transformation firsthand

Built in 1953 on over 100 acres, Carver Homes was at one time the largest public housing community in the city. Long a vibrant neighborhood in south Atlanta, Carver Homes eventually fell into disrepair. As a result, the surrounding area suffered from acute disinvestments by the late 1950s.

At the same time, the Atlanta Housing Authority, H.J. Russell & Company, Integral Properties, the City of Atlanta and committed elected officials like Councilmember Smith began working together to rebuild the Pryor Road neighborhood. Today, the fruits of their efforts are apparent.

The Villages at Carver is now an amenity-rich, master-planned, mixed-income community, that offers top-quality affordable housing. New single-family homes now run the length of Pryor Road, bounded by High Point

Estates, already in Phase II construction, and Park Place South. In addition, the City has invested millions in infrastructure improvements for the

ning stages, to ensure that the families of Pryor Road enjoy easy access to shopping, recreation and entertainment.



The Villages of Carver pictured above was the site of a special Presidential visit

area, and Atlanta Public Schools has begun renovation of Slater Elementary School.

But this is only a start. New Commercial development and a community center area also in the plan-

The Pryor Road transformation, as it has been called by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the New York Times, was recently honored by a visit from President Bush.

The Pryor Road corridor has seen tremendous investment through the assistance of the Atlanta Housing Authority's HOPE VI Grant, tax credits and other initiatives, said Councilwoman Carla Smith.

"Not since the Olympic Games has a revitalization effort brought with it this level of economic diversity and new money into the city," Smith said.

See... Villages of Carver on page 6

Councilmember Carla Smith presides over grand opening of new in-town entertainment

City Councilmember Carla Smith presided over the July 3rd ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of a new in-town entertainment center that will serve as a year-round draw for families and tourists.

Mayor Shirley Franklin was also present to celebrate the opening of FANPLEX, a 12,000-square-foot complex located across from Turner Field that will house an 18-hole miniature golf course, video arcade and a cyber café.

"I am pleased to be a part of the grand opening ceremony," said Councilmember Smith, whose district includes the new center. "This is an attraction that will welcome all age groups for a day of good clean fun."

The Atlanta-Fulton Recreation Authority developed FANPLEX as part of the agency's ongoing mission to develop family activities for city and county residents. The new center is located close to downtown Atlanta and only a few feet from Turner Field.

Several city officials said FANPLEX would serve as an economic catalyst to boost the area's fortunes.

"We recognized the need for a facility of this type at a downtown location and we believe it will aid in the revitalization of the area," said Thomas W. Dortch Jr., chairman of the board of the Atlanta-Fulton Recreation Authority.

Said Councilmember Smith: "I think this center represents our ongoing effort to revitalize the neighborhood. It's a big plus that we can provide family entertainment while also spurring economic development."

In addition to the miniature golf and video games, FANPLEX will house a state-of-the-art computer center. The cyber café, developed and managed by the City of Atlanta Office of Technology, will have Internet access and other computer software programs.

Computer classes will be offered to those wanting to brush up on or learn new computer skills.

Smith recently held a birthday party at FanPlex for her son, Carl. "He and his friends had a wonderful time. It's nice to have a facility that the entire family can enjoy."



Atlanta City Councilmember Carla Smith presided over the grand opening of FanPlex, a 12,000-square-foot complex located in District 1 across from Turner Field that will house an 18-hole miniature golf course, video arcade and a cyber café. Smith was joined by Mayor Shirley Franklin, City Councilmember Jim Maddox, State Representative Doug Dean, City Councilmember Derrick Boazman and City Councilmember Debi Starnes.

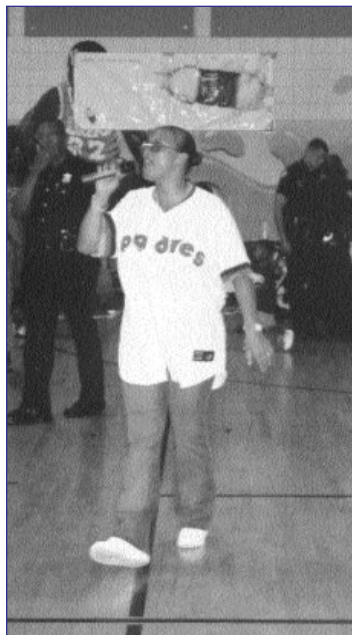
FanPlex

786 Hank Aaron Drive
Across from Turner Field

THIS COUPON GOOD FOR
FREE ROUND OF
MINIATURE GOLF

Limit one coupon per customer/visit. Coupon Expires Dec. 31, 2002

HOT 107.9 Hot Cuts Comes to District 1 featuring Actress/HipHop Artist Queen Latifah



Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As I have driven through the district, I have noticed that recycling has declined over the past few months. This is just a reminder that curbside recycling in District 1 is picked up on the same day as your regular trash. In District 1 that would be Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Please be sure to leave the following plastic items in your recycling bin for pick-up:



#1 Plastic (i.e. PET - Polyethylene terephthalate): soft drink bottles, peanut butter jars. #1 plastics once recycled are used for fiber, tote bags, bottles, clothing, furniture, and carpet.



#2 Plastic (i.e. HDPE - High-density polyethylene): milk jugs, butter tubs, detergent bottles. #2 plastics once recycled are used for liquid laundry detergent containers, drainage pipe, oil bottles, recycling bins, benches, pens, doghouses, floor tile, picnic tables, lumber, mailbox posts, fencing, plastic pipes, flower pots, trash cans, and non food application bottles.

In addition, leave these items in your recycling bin:

- Newspaper (slicks included)
- Aluminum Cans
- Soda Bottles
- Steel (Tin) Cans
- Glass Bottles
- Jars

In 2000, Plastics Resources reported that the annual amount of plastic bottles (e.g., milk, soft drink, shampoo, detergent) recycled in the United States was 1,511 million pounds.

We have an opportunity to set an example for all residents of the City as to the necessity of recycling, which will help eliminate a percentage of our waste stream saving landfill space and providing environmental benefits for our City.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 404-330-6039 or email (csmith@ci.atlanta.ga.us) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Carla Smith

Be water wise

Even though you learned in grade school that the earth is made up of one-third land and two-thirds water, there's reason to take care of the amount of water we use daily. The bulk of that "two-thirds" is saltwater and most of what's freshwater is frozen in glaciers and polar ice caps. Below are helpful ways to help conserve one of our most important natural resources..water:

•Drink water from a pitcher kept in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until the water cools. Saving: up to 2 gallons per drink.

•Thaw foods in the refrigerator as opposed to running tap water. Saving: more than 5 gallons per meal.

•Turn off the faucet while brushing and shaving. Saving: more than 5 gallons per day.

•Take a five-minute shower rather than a bath. Saving: approximately 20 gallons.

•Install water-efficient showerheads and toilets.

•Instead of running water to clean your vegetables, use a partially filled sink or bowl.

•Do not use your toilet as a trash can.

•If possible, compost food waste rather than using a garbage disposal, which requires a large amount of water to operate.

•Wash your car with a bucket of water, and then rinse.

•Clean your driveway and sidewalks with a broom instead of a water hose.

•Check your indoor and outdoor faucets, toilets, spa and pool for leaks.

•Maintain a lawn height of 2 ½ to 3 inches, reducing the loss of moisture to evaporation.

•Avoid planting on difficult-to-irrigate areas such as steep inclines.

•Promote grass root growth through aeration, thatch control and attention to lawn height.



District 1 Parks

District 1 Parks - In spite of budget cuts, District 1 has managed to have some pretty amazing updates at some of our parks. We know there is much more to do but here's an update of what's been done so far.

Chosewood Park has had the Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts resurfaced. Lights have been added and parking lanes painted with a clearly marked handicapped lane, and bollards and an entrance gate will be installed before September. The community has reached out to Park Pride and they are sending 100 volunteers for a Chosewood Park Clean-up day on September 21, 2002 and Hands on Atlanta will join Park Pride on October 5th for a follow-up cleanup day.

South Bend Park - There is talk of a Conservancy Group for South Bend Park. This beautiful park in South Atlanta will receive a Urban Parks And Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Grant to renovate and rehabilitate the boarded up stone lodge in the park. The Parks Department says they hope to start renovation by fall of 2003. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Conservancy contact David Collins of the Lakewood Civic Association at 404-752-1139.

Congratulations are in order to The Villages at Carver for the green space initiative grant from the Arthur Blank Foundation for capital improvements on the property.

The Grant Park Conservancy also received a green space initiative grant from the Arthur Blank Family Foundation for landscaping, tree care and maintenance in Atlanta's oldest park. The Conservancy is a non-profit organization working to restore and maintain Grant Park. Membership is open to everyone. The Grant Park Conservancy hosts community work days in the park on the first Saturday of each month. Volunteer activities include clean-up, mulching, planting, pruning, painting, and general maintenance. All are welcome to participate. For more information 404-521-0938 or www.gpconservancy.org

Help us keep our parks clean and safe. Due to budget constraints, the city is unable to provide broad maintenance and clean-up of our parks. You can help by following a few suggested guidelines:

- Bag and remove trash from the park. If you bring it in, take it home and dispose of it properly
- Dumping coals in the park is illegal; Hot coals from grills must be removed from the park
- Never park or drive on grass or turf areas
- Do not bring any glass to the park. Broken glass results in injury to children.

We all want to enjoy the city parks. By respecting the rules of the Park we can enjoy our parks for years to come.

Bargains In District One

Atlanta Habitat Restore

Located in a newly renovated storefront at 519 Memorial Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30312 in the Grant Park neighborhood. Directions on www.atlanta-habitat.org. For more information call 404-521-2114.

Home Resource Center

Located at 750 Glenwood Ave (Muse St. & Glenwood Ave) across from Southside High School in the FCS complex. For more information call 404-627-4304.

Legislation introduced by our City Councilmember Carla Smith

- An Ordinance prohibiting a person from stopping, standing or parking a vehicle on a sidewalk.
- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor or her designee to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta to require concrete trucks operating in the City of Atlanta to use a form of diaper to prohibit concrete from being permanently deposited on the City's right-of-way.
- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept and execute an agreement between the City of Atlanta and the Grant Park Neighborhood Association. The erection of Neighborhood Monuments within certain rights-of-way.
- An Ordinance amending the 2002 Proposed Budget, as substituted, to decrease appropriations to the City Council.
- A Resolution urging the Fulton County Commission and the Fulton County Tax Commissioner to terminate the practice of selling tax liens against owner-occupied residential properties to third parties.
- An Ordinance amending Section 150-97 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances so as to prohibit a truck or bus from idling for more than fifteen (15) minutes on any street or public place.
- An Ordinance amending Ordinance 96-0-1522 adopted by the City Council on November 4, 1996 and approved by the Mayor on November 12, 1996, rezoning from and to various designations, certain properties within the Peopletown Neighborhood for the purpose of approving a change of conditions.

Trunk Line Sewer ... continued from page 2

The swales will be constructed along the east side of the trunk on the Tapestry Homeowners Association common property. It would convey storm water that entered the four openings on the east side of the trunk to a new drainage pipe which would convey the East side flows beneath East Confederate Avenue to discharge downstream of the Confederate regulator. A second drainage pipe would be provided



on the west side of the trunk to convey storm water which entered the fifth opening on the west side of the trunk under Confederate Avenue to downstream of the regulator.

Alan Berg of HDR/WL Jorden, project manager for this project, said accommodations must also be made for a new sanitary sewer to parallel the trunk sewer as part of the sanitary sewer separation program by 2007.

"Property owners in the Tapestry Community want the trunk line to parallel as closely as possible to the swale and maintain the tree line behind the homes as much as possible," said Berg. "With the required space for the sanitary sewer and the swale, we will need 30 feet or more of a permanent easement."

The Stockade Trunk is now in the design phase and plans should be com-



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pleted in September 2002. Depending on the time required for right of way or easement acquisition, construction activities should begin as early as January 2003 and end in late summer 2003. The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$1 million to \$1.8 million.

Villages of Carver ...

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The revitalization process holds distinct, long-term gains for the City of Atlanta, Smith said. By catalyzing this massive revitalization, the City leveraged its investment and increased its tax base. Where hundreds of acres had generated little if any property or sales tax revenue for the City, now this property is gradually returning to the tax rolls.

In February, Smith was instrumental in securing \$10 million needed to pay for new water and sewer lines, road improvements and greenways at the Villages of Carver.

So far, Carver has only its first phase, a 220-unit apartment complex, finished. Atlanta Housing Authority Officials say the new complex is full, with 30 percent rented at market rate and the remainder subsidized in some way.



Atlanta City Councilmember Carla Smith was joined by Mayor Shirley Franklin, Councilmember Derrick Boazman, Councilmember Mary Norwood and officials with the Atlanta Housing Authority to celebrate the improvements made along the Pryor Road corridor. At the center of the corridor is The Villages of Carver, a multi-million dollar mixed-use community.

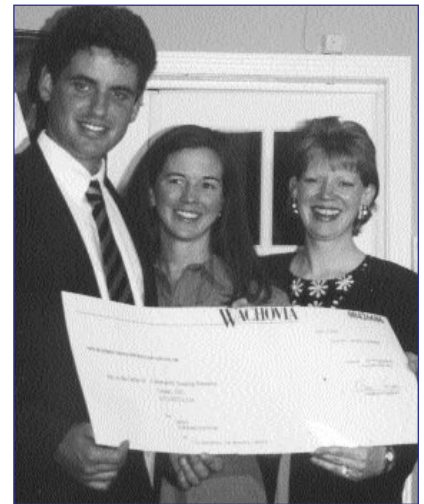
Councilmember Carla Smith in the Community



City Councilmember Carla Smith joined Councilmember Derrick Boazman for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on May 3rd and 4th at Tri-Cities High School in East Point. The event raised thousands of dollars for cancer research.



City Councilmember Carla Smith and Mayor Franklin announced the City's Care & Conserve program recently. The program assists low income customers of the Atlanta Water Department with their water and sewer bills and also helps with water conservation.



City Councilmember Carla Smith accepts a \$100,000 donation from Wachovia Bank. The money will be used by the Community Housing Resource Center to provide direct assistance and emergency repairs to the homes of senior residents throughout Atlanta. For more information contact, 404-624-1111.



City Councilmember Carla Smith was among hundreds of residents who turned out in June for the Summerhill Annual Neighborhood Reunion and Cultural Arts Festival. This year's event was a tremendous success.



Important Numbers

Councilmember Carla Smith
City Hall Information
City Council Office
Fire Department
Police & Fire (Emergency)
Water Services (Emergency repairs)
Water Bills
Sanitation
Herbie Curbies
Sewer Operations
Highways & Streets
Traffic & Transportation (Lights)
Code Enforcement (Housing & Commercial)
Health Department
Tax Commissioner
Motor Vehicles
Municipal Court

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404-853-7000
911
404-658-7220
404-658-6500
404-330-6250
404-330-6236
404-624-0750
404-330-6245
404-330-6255
404-330-6190
404-370-5066
404-730-6100
404-371-2241
404-865-8100

Mark Your Calendar

Atlanta City Council District 1 Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

TURNER FIELD

755 Club, Plaza Level

Featuring Panel Guests: Mayor Shirley Franklin, Chief of Police Richard Pennington,
Council President Cathy Woolard

Don't miss this opportunity to voice your concerns.

Let's give our guests a big District 1 turnout.

See you there!

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